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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/592,685; Entitled "Methods of Using Latent TGF β Binding Proteins"; by Bonadio and Yin (Client Ref. UM926P2C1)*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to Office Action dated March 14, 2003. As September 14, 2003 falls on a Sunday, the Response is timely filed on September 15, 2003;
- (2) A Request for an Extension of Time of three-months to and including September 14, 2003, which date is extendable to September 15, 2003;
- (3) A check in the amount of \$465.00 as the fee for the three-month extension of time; and
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Filed: June 12, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING LATENT TGF β
BINDING PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Romeo, D.

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**AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO SECOND
OFFICIAL ACTION CITING *EX PARTE QUAYLE* DATED MARCH 14, 2003**

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment to the specification. A second response to the Second Official Action dated March 14, 2003 ("the *Ex parte Quayle* Action") is also enclosed and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. Despite the propriety of the original claim for priority, the response places the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the *Ex parte Quayle* Action is thus respectfully requested. The response is timely filed with the enclosed Request for an Extension of Time and appropriate fee.